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BY EMAIL

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Dear Ms. O'Connell :

**EB-2024-0063 – Generic Proceeding – Cost of Capital and Other Matters
OEB Staff Objection to Confidentiality Request**

The OEA filed its Reply Argument on November 28, 2024. The Reply Argument contains a redaction at paragraph 233 because it refers to evidence that was previously filed pursuant to the OEB's revised Practice Direction on Confidential Filings effective December 17, 2021 (the "**Practice Direction**").

By letter dated August 23, 2024, the OEA sought confidential treatment of its response to OEB Staff's interrogatory 18 (Exhibit N-M2-12-OEB Staff-18) because the information and analysis contained in the redacted paragraph of that response is highly sensitive and not intended for public distribution. No party filed an objection to this particular confidentiality request.¹

Certain parties executed the requisite Declaration and Undertaking, and those parties subsequently received an un-redacted version of the OEA's response to OEB Staff interrogatory 18.

Accordingly, the OEA requests confidential treatment pursuant to the Practice Direction of paragraph 233 of the OEA's Reply Argument. The OEA will make the un-redacted version available to the Board and those parties who have executed the Declaration and Undertaking.

Yours truly,



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¹ OEB Staff and SEC filed an objection to the confidential treatment of the OEA's response to interrogatory SEC 41(d), but not to the OEA's response to interrogatory OEB Staff 18 which is the subject of the redaction in the OEA's Reply Argument.